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TAGS: CASC, PFOR, LE, US (HUGHES, EDWARD)

SUBJECT: W/W: DEPORTATION OF U.S. CITIZEN EDWARD HUGHES

REF: BEIRUT 9700

1. FOLLOWING FOR YOUR INFO IS PRESS GUIDANCE PREPARED FOR
USE BY DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN IN RESPONSE TO POSSIBLE QUERIES
RE HUGHES' DEPORTATION. NO SUCH QUESTIONS WERE ASKED AT
JULY 31 NOON BRIEFING.

QUESTION: DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENT ON THE LEBANESE DE-
PORTATION OF ED HUGHES, WRITER FOR READERS DIGEST, FROM
LEBANON?

ANSWER: NATURALLY, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT STRONGLY
OPPOSES ANY INTERFERENCE WITH THE FREE FLOW OF INFORMA-
TION, AS WE HAVE STATED BEFORE. OUR EMBASSY IN BEIRUT IS
RAISING THE MATTER WITH THE APPROPRIATE LEBANESE AUTHORI-
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TIES.

QUESTION: WHY WAS HE DEPORTED?

ANSWER: WE ARE NOT CERTAIN OF ALL THE FACTS. LEBANESE
SECURITY OFFICIALS HAVE INDICATED TO US THAT MR. HUGHES'
TWO-YEAR RESIDENCE IN ISRAEL MAY HAVE HAD SOMETHING TO DO
WITH IT. BEYOND THAT WE HAVE NO FURTHER INFORMATION AT
THIS TIME. INGERSOLL

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